

Central Intelligence Agency



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The Honorable James T. McIntyre  
Director  
Office of Management and Budget  
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Dear Jim:

Members of my staff have again raised the question of paid parking at our Headquarters complex in McLean. Last April, we raised several issues in our comments on the draft circular which we felt warranted an exemption. While I want to support the program, I must consider the impact and, in this respect, I would be appreciative if you would review our concerns.

The McLean Headquarters complex is located in an outlying area that is not served by adequate public transportation and, therefore, no viable alternative to privately owned vehicles exists for the majority of our employees. Although we have been active for years in meeting the intent of the OMB circular through encouraging car and van pools, thereby achieving energy conservation and reducing pollution, it must be noted that dispersed living areas, requirements for extended work days, particularly during periods of crisis, and shift work preclude a significant percentage of personnel from participating in van and car pools. While we endorse parking fees in densely populated areas served by suitable public transportation, the establishment of fees for the McLean complex would be in effect a punitive action due to the lack of alternatives.

An equal but separate concern is the question of maintaining the cover status of a large number of our employees. With the ever increasing disclosure of the names of our people serving overseas, we must make every effort to protect the cover status of Agency employees. To force them to use public transportation, no matter how inadequate, or to join carpools with open CIA employees to a known CIA facility, such as the McLean complex, negates all efforts to protect these individuals.

Cover requirements and the absence of transportation alternatives lead me to conclude that it would not be reasonable, useful, or proper to implement paid parking at the McLean complex. Your favorable consideration to exempt the Agency from the requirements of OMB circular A-118 is requested.

Sincerely,

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Acting Director